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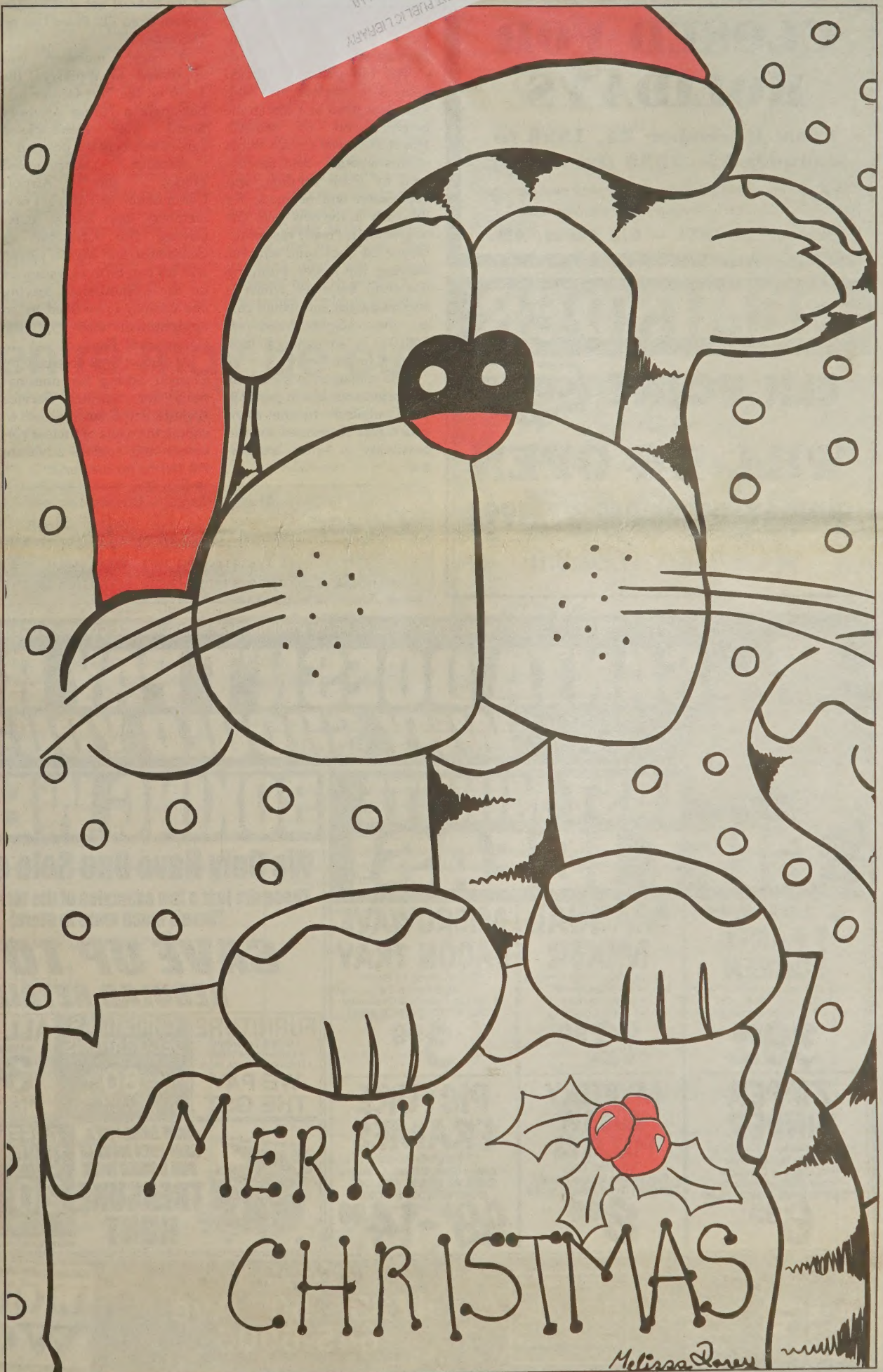
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Town Council studies infrastructure priorities

Water treatment plant upgrading tops the list

The Town of Elk Point's recent Infrastructure Study

was brought before Council's final regular meeting of 1998, although minor changes and corrections to the document are yet to be made by the engineering firm. A number of improvements were listed in the study, but cost estimates and timelines are still to be determined.

The top priority, Council feels, is to upgrade the water treatment plant at a cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000. Hopefully, close to two thirds of this amount could be covered by grant funding, and application will be made for this early in the new year. The upgrading is "really essential," Mayor Ed Buck said, whereas burying the water pumping line from the river, which is also on the list and would cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000, is "something to look at in the future."

Also contained in the report is a prioritized list of possible areas adjacent to the town which was developed for the possibility of future annexation.

The natural gas franchise agreement with Centra Gas was reviewed and accepted by Council at a 7% franchise fee. Centra Gas took over operation of the natural gas distribution system from Elk Point Gas on December 1.

A new member was appointed to represent the Town on the Fort George and Buckingham House Advisory Board. Mae Hendrickson agreed to accept the position.

Another shorthanded group, the Airport Commission, will also get new members. John Yettaw, representing the Chamber of Commerce, and Myron Goyan will fill two of three vacancies on the Commission, leaving one vacancy to be filled by an appointment made by the County of St. Paul.

A request was received by Council asking for nominations for Seniors Service Awards, and Council agreed to submit the name of tireless volunteer and seniors advocate Sid Holthe for the honor.

Council will once again donate \$100 to F. G. Miller High School's Crusade Above the Limit program which awards high marks.

Mayor Buck was formally excused from the next two Council meetings, as he will be on vacation. Earlier in the meeting, the mayor quashed rumors that the Town had paid for his ticket to a recent Premier's Dinner at which Jean Chretien was the honored guest.

Money received from the sale of the Town's 1978 Dodge van will be put into the cemetery fund.

Council agreed that they had more work to take care of before the end of the year, and set Monday, December 21 for a special meeting to discuss the 1999 budget and other concerns that will not wait for the new year.

Also under discussion at that time will be the potentially devastating cuts which could be made to the Elk Point Health Centre.

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Many thanks to the students of Ms. Maureen Ference's art classes at F. G. Miller High School who submitted Christmas cover art. Along with Melissa Dorey, whose work is featured on our front page, we received two close contenders from Dana Tymofichuk and Robin Schade.

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from the FCSS DESK

Don't forget the Christmas gift to yourself

In praise of doing what you "should have done"

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

To give a Christmas gift to one's self seems to be the acceptable saying that has developed in the 90's. And ... when you think about it, it is not a bad idea. It is a way to say to yourself — I am loved.

The other day I came across a really "neat" story that describes a gift a student can give to themselves. Marian D. Hanks talked about an experience he had while he was in his final year of high school. Apparently, in the high school he was attending, they gave a medal and a watch to one student who qualified in various fields of activity — scholarship,

athletics, leadership, etc. A few days before the end of school, he learnt that he was a candidate for this award. All was going well until he went to his last class.

This was a class in English Literature, a field in which Marian had been particularly interested in boyhood, and because he had read most of the materials that were assigned for the class, he did not do very much in terms of contribution. He showed up occasionally, but found many reasons to be away on athletic or newspaper or student-body business. When the tests came, he passed them all with high marks. ... But when the report card came back, he noticed a big "F" on it. Well, he sat

shocked and stunned, and felt sure his teacher was playing a joke on him.

When the class was over, he found his way to the teacher's desk and said: "Look, Miss Young, this is my report card. You made a mistake!"

She said: "Oh, I know that is your report card, and in fact I have made a mistake, but it was a deliberate one — I wanted you to think a little. I am not going to fail you in the class." She took the report card away from him and superimposed a big "C" over it. In other words, he now passed the class, but he wasn't going to be receiving the grade he would have received that would have reflected his high marks. Also, the award would no longer be

his. So, why did the teacher do this to him?

The teacher then explained. "Do you think I didn't know what was going on? Don't you think I know the excuses you have made and the unmanly way you have acted in this course? Oh, you made the grades alright. You had read most of the material before, I know that, but you haven't been fair with me or yourself. I

am not going to mark you this month on what you did in comparison with anybody else. I am going to mark you in comparison with what you should have done — and you get the "C".

My question: "Can anyone of us relate to this story?" To do what you "should have done" in any task is really a good gift to one's self. A Merry Christmas idea.

■ Critical situation

Health Centre may be cut

By Deanna Easthope
Interagency Health Committee

At the December 15 Interagency Health Committee meeting, members were given up-to-date information on the Elk Point Health Centre issue.

To help this region develop a deficit elimination budget, the Government has contracted "George Cuff & Associates". Their task will be completed before the end of January. However, there is fear they may have already made their decision, and their information gathering will only verify their decision.

If they make a business decision based on a financial focus, then the Elk Point Health Centre will be cut. How does the Elk Point Community feel about that decision? What would be the impact on you

and your family? ... or business ... or recreation ... or the school, or etc.

As untimely as this matter is, given that we are in the Christmas season, you will do yourselves and others a great service for the future if you can take a moment and write your letters. We are told that even one paragraph letters have impact because they are penned by people directly affected.

Submissions to George Cuff and Associates' Review of Lakeland Regional Health Authority will be received until December 31. The final report will be given to the public at an open meeting to be held in Smoky Lake on January 29, 1999.

Write your letter expressing the impact on you if the Elk Point Health Centre were cut /

closed to the Minister of Health with a copy to George Cuff & Associates and MLA Paul Langevin.

The addresses are as follows:

The Hon. Halvar Johnson,
Minister of Health,
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VIEWPOINTS



■ Elk Point United Church

A Christmas message of peace and joy

By Rev. Paulette Phillips
Elk Point United Church

As I write this article, we are in the midst of the Advent Season. We are waiting the arrival of the tiny baby. Just imagine if you will, that scene in the stable with the warmth of the animals, the scent of the hay and cattle, the noise of breathing, grunting cows and sheep, and, back in a darkened corner, a young woman sits, holding an infant in her arms.

That scene calls to us with all the emotion that centuries of paintings, Christmas cards, and sermons have laid down upon our collective understanding. As we write our cards and letters, there is a sense of longing we feel again at Christmas. We long for a world where pain and sorrow are far removed; where the trauma and danger of our birthing are forgotten. We try to forget the struggle for life in the pockets of poverty of our towns and on the streets of our cities and hide it behind tinsel and glitter. The cares of tomorrow are put aside and we live in the magic of the moment that is Christmas.

In this moment we are called to turn away from the darkness and turn toward the light. God touches our lives anew. We are called to turn away from anger and hate and seek the love that is made known in that tiny child. We share that love with our friends and families, symbolized by the giving of gifts. Christmas hampers, toy drives, and the season's greetings are all gestures of the love that warms our lives at this time of year.

It is infants in all their innocence, oblivious to all the decorations and preparations and scurrying of the season, who remind us of the great love of God that yearns to touch every life with beauty and holiness.

May love be born in us again in this season of the holy child, the One who brings peace and joy.

■ Christian Community Church

Let's settle this once and for all: extraterrestrials do exist!

By Rev. Sam Donaldson
Christian Community Church

Have you ever heard of the Roswell incident? Have you ever heard of "Encounters of the third kind"? Some have. Some may not.

The Roswell incident has to do with the crashing of an UFO in New Mexico in 1947. Reports say that the Alien bodies were in that craft. Next day the American forces removed the wreckage and the bodies suppressing news coverage and eye witness reports. Their explanation of the incident was, that a weather balloon had crashed. The bodies were dummies used in an experiment to determine the effects of impact on the human body. No U.F.O. No Aliens.

"Encounters of the third kind" is the personal encounter with Aliens in verbal communication or experimentation. There are many reports, from various countries, regarding

this kind of experience.

One of these encounters that is never mentioned in reports took place in 4 BC in a remote area of the Roman Empire. There were several people that experienced this event. The people were all together when it happened. When these people checked out the information that the Alien relayed to them it was found to be exact and true.

The people that witnessed this event in 4 BC were Shepherds outside the little town of Bethlehem in the Holy Land. The Alien was the angel that told them about the birth of a baby in the nearby village.

The wonder of it all is not that the Shepherds had an encounter of the third kind but the person who was born that night. He was Christ the Lord.

You see, God had broken into space time history in human form. God the Son had become a human person. He had come on a special mission: the redemption of lost

humankind.

Christ came to secure, not make possible, the salvation of His people, His sheep, His church, His elect. The He accomplished through His sinless life, His substitutionary, atoning, sacrificial death on the cross and His powerful resurrection from the dead.

Salvation full and free is now offered to the "whosoever believeth". Forgiveness of sins, fellowship with God and an eternity in Heaven are the gifts of God's Grace.

As we celebrate Christmas, this year, let's settle it once for all that Extraterrestrials do exist. People have had "Encounters of the third kind" and that Christ's mission is accomplished. Our relationship to God needs to be settled also. If we have not done so, let's act now and settle that once and for all.

May the peace of God, that Christ brought to the world, be yours this Christmas season.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven and glory in the highest.
(Luke 19:38)

■ Elk Point Baptist Church

The reason for the Season

By Pastor Stewart Peterson
Youth Pastor
Elk Point Baptist Church

The New Testament contains 4 accounts of the life of Jesus. These 4 accounts can be found in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Of these 4 accounts only 2 record His birth, Matthew and Luke with Mark and John dealing with His ministry.

One of the questions that can be and has been asked is why 4 accounts and not just one, would this not be far more simple. Many skeptics try to use the differences that they find to shoot down the Bible, stating the differences between the 4 accounts of Christ. It needs to be pointed out that these 4 accounts were written by 4 different men, all of whom were there at the time and witnessed these things. What we have is 4 different men's account of what they saw through their eyes and experiences. Matthew had been a tax collector, Luke a doctor and John a fisherman, Mark was an

evangelist. Would it be fair to expect that their accounts would be the same, bearing in mind their backgrounds and lifestyles.

One outstanding reason for the 4 accounts rather than 1 is the PERSON OF JESUS HIMSELF. With 4 separate accounts we get 4 separate looks at Jesus.

In Matthew the Holy Spirit paints the picture of Jesus as the Messiah and the King of the Jews. Mark shows us Jesus the servant, working to do His Master's will. Then Luke gives us the human Jesus and the Son of man. Finally in John's account we see Jesus Christ as the God, the eternal creator of the universe, THE SON OF GOD.

I think that we have 4 accounts with only 2 of them recording Jesus birth so we do not focus only on this one aspect when there is so much more.

As we enter this busy time of year with Christmas parties, concerts and family times, let us take the time to reflect upon

the reason for the season. But also take the time to reflect upon Jesus as a whole: not just the fact that He was born in a manger as a result of a miraculous conception of a virgin but look also at the fact that He was a King come down from His heavenly throne to be with His people, the people who He himself had created. Reflect also on the fact that this little baby that nearly 2,000 years ago lay in a humble manger in a stable in Bethlehem was the creator of the very human race whom He had now come to save. Let us also remember that He was as much human as you and I, experiencing the same emotions and pains that you and I do. Finally reflect upon the fact that this little baby, later as a grown man hung on a Roman cross to take away the sins, giving all people the opportunity of Eternal Life.

As we reflect upon Jesus this Christmas let us reflect upon all that He is, was and is. Reflect upon the entire Jesus not just the parts.

Merry Christmas.

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Christian Community Church celebrates in concert

Elk Point's Christian Community Church was filled to capacity last Tuesday evening as members of the congregation presented a delightful Christmas concert of song and recitations.

Master of ceremonies was Ray Game, while Sage Lowery gave a message of welcome and Reverend Sam Donaldson the opening prayer. The congregation set the mood for the evening with an old familiar carol, "The First Noel." Tiny Eryn Smith recited "My Light" while Cassie and Diedra Nelson told us about "Shepherds." The adult choir sang "Mary's Boy Child," followed by a solo, "O Holy Night" by Harvey Nadeau.

Brian Bailey and his five year old son Brendan performed two numbers, "Away in a Manger" and an original song written by Brian two decades ago, "Daddy Told a Story."

The Kids' Choir recited "That's Why" and followed up with two songs, "Come Ring Those Bells" and "White as Snow."

Andrew Pearson offered a nostalgic number about "An Old Christmas Card," before the adult choir returned with "The Friendly Beasts" and "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem." The Kids' Choir was back to recite "In Our Bibles" and to sing "Away in a Manger."

The congregation joined in singing "O Come All Ye Faithful" and Aaron Young performed a guitar solo, "What Child Is This?"

Four young ladies, Brittany and Bailey Youngmans, Laryssa and Cassy Cochrane, recited "What is Christmas?" before the adult choir returned with a wonderful rendition of "Silent Night," with Irene Lindquist reading the history of this all-time favorite carol, and with verses sung in French by

Harvey Nadeau, in Spanish by Sarah Osinchuk, in Finnish by Jenni Kiri and in German by Debbie Lawrence.

Norm Brown offered a cheery "It's Beginning to Look

a Lot Like Christmas" and the Kids' Choir invited all to "Share a Little Christmas" before Rev. Donaldson offered the closing prayer to end the program.



FATHER-SON DUET -- Brian Bailey and his five year old son Brendan sang "Daddy Told A Story," which was written many years ago by Brian.



THE ADULT CHOIR -- sang a five-language rendition of the beautiful traditional carol, "Silent Night."



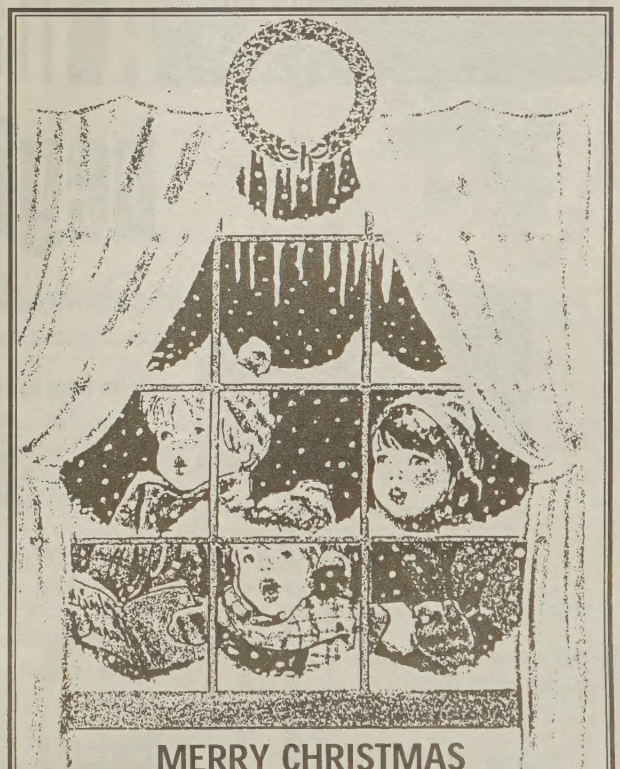
THE KIDS' CHOIR invited the congregation to "Come Ring Those Bells" in celebration of the festive season.

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FGM students looking forward to the holidays

Brunch, talent concert will wind up '98 at the high school

By Leanne Wilson
Student Reporter

Hello and Merry Christmas
from F.G. Miller High School.

Christmas is near and everyone at F.G. Miller is eagerly looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

To celebrate Christmas, we are having a brunch on our last day of school, December 18. To start the day, the students will participate in some fun activities, such as videos, jam sessions, board games, and craft projects. After everyone has enjoyed an activity, we'll sit

down to a delicious brunch put on by the grade twelves. I'm told the menu will include perogies, sausages, cabbage rolls, and more.

Following the brunch, there will be a talent concert with performances such as the school bands, students singing and pianists. At the concert the French Club will draw for the winners of the 100 loonies in a stocking and a musical fig-

urine. We are also expecting Jolly Old St. Nick to stop by. Our celebration has everything: food, entertainment, prizes, and Santa Claus. What more could you ask for?

We are very proud of all the Remembrance Day Contest winners from F.G. Miller. This year has been one of the most successful for the amount of entries handed in. This was also the first time senior high has participated. The winners at the senior high level are: Roberta Keichinger, Amanda Frisby, Stephan Gladue, Brandon McMillian, Leanne Wilson, Romy Rohner and Nicole Benson. The winners at the junior high level are: Jason Kalunchyk, Aaron West, Robert Lawrence, Kyla Ference, Jonathan Buryn and Tasha Yopyk. Congratulations and good luck in the following levels of competition.

Well, that's all from the halls of F.G. Miller. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year! Until next year ...



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Impaired Driving: know the limits and the law

By Cst. C.M. Bedard
Elk Point RCMP

One of the most disturbing traffic offences is that of impaired driving. Auto crashes involving alcohol are far more deadly than crashes where alcohol is not a factor. Three per cent of nighttime drivers are impaired, but they make up 33 per cent of the drivers who are killed in collisions!

Did you know ...

- * One drink can reduce your ability to concentrate and react.
- * Coffee or a cold shower will not sober you up. Only time can do that.
- * Smart choices like designating a driver or using alternate modes of transportation will prevent tragedy and further promote safety on our streets. Make the smart choice. Don't drink and drive.

Gender Differences

- * Young males are the most likely group of drivers to have consumed alcohol before a crash.
- * In 1996 more than four times as many male drivers as female drivers had consumed alcohol and been involved in a casualty collision. The majority of these drivers were males under the age of 45.
- * Males between 18 and 21 years of age were most likely, per 1000 licensed drivers, to have been drinking before the crash.

When Drinking and Driving Occurs

You have a greater risk of being involved in a collision involving alcohol on weekends, in the early morning hours and during summer months. In 1996, June was the month with the highest number of casualty collisions involving alcohol. The most fatal and not-fatal injury collisions involving alcohol occurred on Saturdays in 1996.

Impaired Driving Offences are Crimes

It is a criminal offence to operate, or to be in care and control of, a motor vehicle while your ability is impaired by alcohol or drugs. If the police determine your ability to operate a vehicle has been impaired by alcohol or drugs, even if your Blood Alcohol reading is below 80mg you can be charged with impaired driving. Refusing to provide a breath sample can result in a Criminal Code conviction.

Know the Limits and the Law

Drinking and driving is a tough problem requiring tough solutions. In Alberta, driver licence suspension and penalties for convicted impaired drivers are:

- * 1st time offenders automatically receive a one-year driver licence suspension and a minimum fine of \$300 to a maximum fine of \$2,000.
- * 2nd time offenders receive a three-year driver licence suspension and imprisonment for not less than fourteen days.
- * 3rd time and subsequent offenders receive a five-year driver licence suspension and imprisonment for not less than 90 days and not more than 5 years.
- * Drivers convicted of impaired driving causing injury / bodily harm receive a mandatory five-year driver licence suspension and can face imprisonment for up to ten years.
- * Drivers convicted of impaired driving causing death receive a mandatory five-year driver licence suspension and can face imprisonment for up to fourteen years.
- * If you drive a motor vehicle while your licence is suspended you may be heavily fined or even go to jail. Your licence will be further suspended another six months which will be added to the end of any

existing suspension.

One of the brochures we have at the detachment relating to Impaired Driving has catchy little gift suggestions for those who insist on drinking and driving ...

#1. A snappy bracelet - sport a dramatic new look for the season, one size fits all - HANDCUFFS.

#2. Limited Edition Prints - leave a lasting "impression" with a one-of-a-kind finger print.

#3. A flashy portrait - get a complimentary police photo (taken when you are identified under the Identification of Criminals Act).

#4 - A new record - receive a criminal record which you can share with your employer.

These are the real costs of drinking and driving (first time offence).

Towing charges - \$60, Impound lot - \$15/day, Licence Re-instatement fee - \$255, Lawyer's fees - \$4,000, Insurance premiums - \$3,000. Total \$7,330. * Plus fine determined by the court and that's on a first offence.

Then there are the costs you

can't put a price on ... Loss of driving privileges for a minimum of one year * Loss of personal freedom and independence * Risk of losing employment * Effect on your family * Loss of life.

If this is more than you planned to spend on drinking ... make the smart choice. Don't drink and drive.

Although the real gift suggestions may be a bit sarcastic and slightly humorous, drinking and driving is very serious, ask anyone who has been injured or lost a family member to impaired driving and they will tell you how it has affected their lives and that of their family.

For interest sake I am providing you with a list of punishments handed out for Impaired Drivers in other countries:

How they handle drunk drivers around the world

Australia — The names of those convicted of drunk driving are published in the local newspapers under the heading, "He's drunk and in jail."

Norway — The drunk driver is sentenced to ten weeks of hard labor and the loss of his driver's license for a period of

one year. A second offence within a five-year period results in his license being revoked for life.

Finland and Switzerland — A drunk driver receives an automatic one-year sentence at hard labor.

England — Anyone convicted of drunk driving receives one-year license suspension and a \$250 fine and a one-year jail term.





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Merry Christmas &
A Happy New Year

Mayor, Council & Staff

Town of Elk Point



Greetings, Friends!

With old-fashioned warmth and lots of good cheer, we wish you a Merry Christmas, and thank you for your continued friendship and patronage.

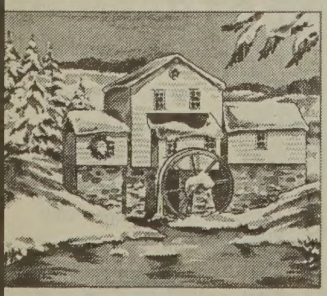
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Friday, Dec. 25
& Friday, Jan 1/99

review **SPORTS** this week



SNOWMOBILE DRAW -- Mayor Ed Buck (centre) drew the name of lucky winner Justin Fontaine of Bonnyville in the Elk Point Trailriders Snowmobile Club's raffle. Club members Dale Rinas and Russ Hebblethwaite assisted with the draw.

'Tis The Season!

In this season of happy thoughts and warm hearts, we extend a special "thank you", to all our good customers for your patronage.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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Happy Holidays

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Happy New Year

Hound Dog's Christmas message

The best of the season to all of our sports fans

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

This week's deadline was moved up to Friday, making it very difficult to give you my weekly hockey report, but I would like to take this time to wish all my loyal readers wherever you may be this Christmas, Elk Point, Dewberry, Lloydminster, Ponoka, Drumheller, Red Deer, Calgary, Washington, or Dundas, a Very Merry Christmas. I know you guys are still reading the Hound Dog's Hockey and I love to hear from all of you, so please keep in touch. Give me a call, anytime, 724-4375, send a letter Box 707, fax me at 724-3396 or email me dbassett@telusplanet.net and let me know how you and your kids are doing, especially with hockey and other sports.

It's been a tough year, the

town of Elk Point and Elk Point Minor Hockey has had to make many changes from a year ago. This is just a test to see how strong we really are as an orga-

nization, but, the strong will survive, and we have passed the test. It is great to see that



there is still enough new volunteers to pick up the sticks, get off the bench and carry the puck into another season. We have built a great minor hockey system, one that everyone can be proud of, and although very few kids will actually make the NHL, I do believe someday, someone from our system will make it to the big leagues. That day may be five years or twenty years from now, but the day will come when we will hang the picture in the lobby and say "this kid played here".

The NHL is not the only goal of our minor hockey system, other opportunities are there, such as college and university hockey, and even if some kids only make it as far as the senior Elks, or the B&R Bullets, the memories of minor hockey will be with these boys and girls and their parents forever.

Provincials are to me the greatest part of minor hockey. Elk Point is fortunate enough to be able to host another provincials in March, and this will be, for most of the kids on the Bantam team, their first time at provincials, but, from my own experiences, it will be one of the best memories they will ever have. My own son, Jordan, has been to the provincial tournament four times and has two provincial medals hanging in his room, something, that his father is very proud of, and will brag about forever!

It's Christmas, so take a break, spend time with your family, kids love to play shinney on the pond with their dads and uncles, just like we did when we were kids, or go tobogganing, sledding, or if the weather is just too cold, just stay inside and play nintendo or watch a movie with your kids.



BIG BUCKS -- Winners in the 1998 E-Can Oilfield Services employees and families' Big Bucks contest were (left to right) Tim Smereka, whose buck measured out at 144 7/8 in first place, Mel Brooker, 137 7/8 placing second and Donna Ockerman, third with 126 6/8. Photo by Darlyne Brooker

"...The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."
- Clement Clarke Moore
A Visit from St. Nicholas

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*We wish you a very Merry Christmas
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Dec. 24: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 25: Closed
Dec. 26 & 27: 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 28 - 31: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 1: 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Greetings!

May the spirit of Christmas be
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Management & Staff



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NEWS AND ADVERTISING DEADLINE
Wed., Dec. 23 - 12 noon; Wed., Dec. 30 - 4 p.m.

community NEWS

Elementary concerts play to packed crowds

Even the Christmas Grump wore a smile!

Elk Point Elementary School hosted a pair of very enjoyable Christmas concerts last week, with the usual packed crowds on hand to cheer on the young performers.

Wednesday's concert,

emceed by Jessica Lee and Daylan Hoffman, started off with Miss Ockerman's Monday-Wednesday ECS class and "Christmas with the Kinderchefs and the Turkeys." The chefs were ready and eager to cook Christmas dinner, but

the big flock of birds, with Brendan Bailey as their spokes-turkey, were equally eager for people to choose another main course in this delightful number.

A large choir made up of Grades 4A, 5A and 6A music classes, directed by Mr. Buryn, invited the audience to "Share a Little Christmas."

All of Santa's helpers were happy in Mrs. Buryn's Grade 1A class except one: "Bob Humbug, the Christmas Grump." While the other workers were busy hammering, painting and sanding, this unfortunate individual was stuck with being in charge of the broken toy dump! It took a shortage of perfect toys to get him smiling, when he came up with the great idea to fix up all those broken toys and get him back on the assembly line.

Mrs. Jenner's Grade 3A went a long way for their Christmas celebration — all the way to Jamaica, where marvelous banana trees swayed in the tropical breeze, and the banana harvest crew took a rest from their labors on Christmas eve to feast and celebrate with a joyous Macarena dance to a Jamaican-flavored Jingle Bells.

Candy, presents, decora-

tions and Santa are all a part of Christmas, but Miss Grabas and her 4A students reminded the audience of "Only Simple Things," like song and love, which make the season so special.

It was a typical Canadian Christmas eve — Grandpa listening to the hockey game, Mom dithering in the kitchen, the twins racketing around and Dad busy "Putting up the Christmas Tree," with very little help from his bored college-age son and daughter, who are

just eager to go out and party with their friends. However, the tree was up and decorated and the Oilers won just in time for the Christmas carollers to arrive and for Grandpa to do some rockin' around the Christmas tree.

Speaking of rockin', Miss Sorochan's Grade 6A showed what would happen if Santa brought in "Rock and Roll at the North Pole." Santa wanted to update his image, and tried out black leather and a motor-

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Enjoy this season to the fullest

Dave & Alice, Family and Staff

HILLSIDE SERVICE
Highway 41, Elk Point - Phone 724-4200



Season's Greetings

Just a note of thanks to our loyal customers and friends.
Wishing you all the best this holiday season.

New Management & Staff

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A Blessed Time

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.
- Isaiah 9:6-7

May you and yours be blessed with peace and joy all through Christmas and beyond.

Thank you for visiting us.

Management & Staff

LAKELAND TIRE



CHRISTMAS IN JAMAICA, MON! comes complete with a calypso band and a Jingle Bells macarena dance.



SHEPHERDS WHO WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS by night were visited by an angel bringing tidings of great joy: news of the birth of a Savior, whose humble cradle they would find by the light of a huge and glowing star. One shepherd played the Baby a song on his drum.



Season's Greetings

May joy, prosperity, peace and goodwill visit your home this holiday season.

Thank you for your patronage.
From Management & Staff



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community NEWS

Elementary concerts play to packed crowds

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cycle, while his elves did their best to join the Pepsi generation. Mrs. Claus, looking very cute in bobby socks and pony-tails, was quite distraught with "The Claus" and his ideas, but no more so than a visiting group of Elk Point youngsters who declared him a fraud and wanted their jolly old red suited Santa back.

Principal Don Conrad gave his Christmas message, saying that "The Magic of Giving" is the theme for the school at this quarter of the year, and thanking the students for giving their best both academically and in behavior. He thanked

the parents and community for giving their time to the school, the staff for their outstanding efforts and the school board for their support.

The concert concluded with a "Nativity in Song" by Mrs. Boothman's Grade 2A, complete with angel choir, Holy family with their faithful donkey, shepherds and wise men, all of whom joined in singing some of the best-loved carols.

ECS raffle winners were Helen Shankowski, Jenny Scott, Marilyn Johnson, Olga Ockerman and Mary Kinjerski, while the Grade 5 Stocking Raffle was won by Gwen Behr.



SHARING THE BEARS -- The huge collection of donated bears and other stuffed animals which have taken over the foyer of the Elementary School are being donated to Elk Point Ambulance, Elk Point RCMP, Elk Point Health Centre and Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department, to be given to children in time of distress. Principal Don Conrad presented representatives of each group with one of the animals at Wednesday's concert.



Coloring contest winners named

The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of their Extravaganza Coloring Contest. Todd Shankowski was the age 4 and under winner, Jordan Krankowsky won the 5 to 7 year old division and Lisa Kozicky won the 8 and over category. Congratulations!



All The Best To You And Yours

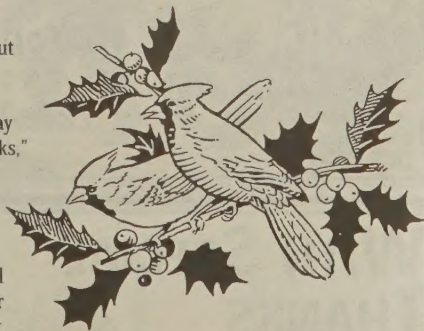
May you enjoy all the splendor and wonder of this magical season.
We really enjoy having neighbors like you!

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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"happy holiday
and many thanks,"
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Christmas

From

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CHECKING IT TWICE

When it comes to what we'd like for Christmas, your continued friendship is at the top of the list.

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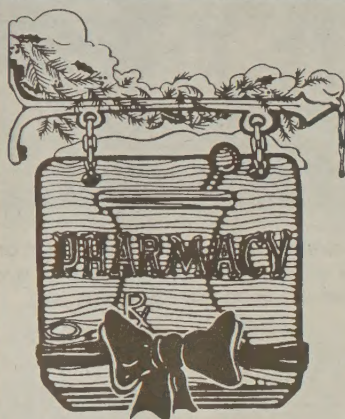
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community NEWS



TELL US A STORY -- Grade 1C begs 'teacher' Tanya Orr (far left) as the tale of a magical time of the year begins.



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New era in concert style begins at Elk Point Elementary

But what kind of mean magician would make Santa disappear?

The second concert of the season at Elk Point Elementary School ushered in a new era in concert style. Thursday's presentation included students from ECS to Grade 6 in a single, full length production in story and song.

A dozen Grade 4, 5 and 6 students sang, "It's A Magical Time Of The Year" to introduce the show. The curtain opened on Tanya Orr, as the teacher, about to tell Mrs. Smith's Grade 1C class a story about a mean old Grunch (no, not a grinch, a GRUNCH) played by Jan Kozicky, who performs such magic as making \$5 bills disappear and wanders off-stage to introduce some of the people in the audience, including a chubby man in a red suit.

The Grunch hauls Santa (AKA Jordan Cousins) up on

stage and asks him about himself. His favorite meal, he says, is turkey — so the Grunch makes a whole stageful of the birds, complete with a gaggle of chefs, appear, courtesy of Miss Ockerman's Tuesday - Thursday ECS class. There is no danger of these turkeys getting eaten, however, because the Grunch makes Santa disappear!

This isn't good, with Christmas just over a week away. Several other magicians try to bring him back, but one can only make people float in the air and another only brings back Santa's brightly patterned boxers!

Mrs. Wozniak's Grade 1 B students beg, "Don't Take Santa Claus" as they spell out "CHRISTMAS" and shout, "Don't take Santa, you mean

old Grunch!"

When magnetizing every hand in the auditorium didn't work, the only thing left to do was to call in a whole class of magicians and their lovely, glittery-skirted assistants. Mrs. Conrad's Grade 2Bs could put on a good show, and wave their magic wands and pull suspenders and other spare parts out of their top hats, but they just couldn't find Santa no matter how deep they dug.

Sigmund and Freud (Travis Lindquist and Zachary McKinnon) are called in to exercise their extrasensory perception — but all they can make appear is a tiger. A very nice tiger, mind you, but it's not Santa.

A crowd of rappers from Mr. Hymanyk's Grade 3B are way cool, but admit that they don't have a clue where Santa has gone.

Time for a break, which featured a message from their sponsor (or at least Principal Don Conrad), who thanked the stars for their great performance, and Mayor Ed Buck, who recalled the excitement he had felt when he was a youngster taking part in Christmas concerts. The ECS raffle was drawn, with prizes going to Carol Lee, Chris Shankowski, Donna Ockerman, Devin Moneta, Brendan Bishop and Mary Ann Fry.

We come back to the show to discover that the youngsters have decided there is more to Christmas than Santa. It's a time to get together with family and friends, say Mrs. Richard's Grade 4 Bs in a western-flavored number. Mr. Bilak's Grade 5B students feel that doing things for people is more important, and in the spirit of "giving a little of ourselves," they perform a lively Merry Christmas Macarena.

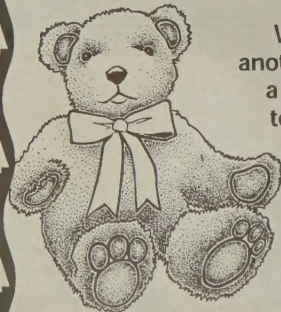
Well, none of this has gotten Santa back. It's time for Mr.

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TURKEY TROTTERS --Christmas is coming and the Tuesday-Thursday ECS turkeys are staying out of the way of the Kinderchefs who want them on the menu.

IT'S CHRISTMAS!



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Elk Point
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community NEWS

It's a magical time of the year for students and audience

Bring on Elk Point Elementary's secret weapon -- the Grade 6Bs!

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Sereda's Grade 6Bs to show the rest how it's done. They, if anyone does, have the power to bring him back, and think that love, magic and a strong belief in Christmas will do the job —

and if not, saying HO! HO! HO! very loudly will! Suddenly, Santa is back — bright boxers and all — and the rejoicing begins!

All the Grade 4B, 5B and 6B students join in the triumphant

final theme, and the audience is left with no doubt at all that "It's A Magical Time Of The Year."

Lisa Sparks was mistress of ceremonies for Thursday's concert.



MAKING MAGIC -- Grade 2B's mighty magicians do their best to retrieve Santa, but he's nowhere to be found in their shiny top hats.



FINALLY, SANTA'S BACK -- sporty boxers and all!

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We're really grateful for your kind support.

Management & Staff

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community NEWS

Residential lighting contest winners announced

Difficult choice for busload of judges.

The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce treated a busload of seniors from Buckingham House and Fort George Manor to a night on the

town Friday evening, and in the process, gave a new perspective to their Christmas lighting contest.

The seniors were chauffeured by Ray and Carol Hellquist in F. G. Miller High

School's community school bus, and toured every residential street in the community before arriving at their difficult decisions over coffee and cake at Frosty's Kitchen.

Taking first place was the spectacular showplace owned by Walter and Marie Lesyk, who have lighted silhouettes in every window, icicle lights backed up by multicolored lights all around their eaves, and an outstanding display of figures arranged on their lawn.

Second place came down to a tie between the wintry fairyland created by Len and Diane Cole, with a full size sleigh and reindeer on the ground, Santa and Rudolph under the Northern Lights on their rooftop, and bows, stockings and garland in between, and Cheryl and Harvey Derewynka's gorgeous light show in white and deep pink.

Third place went to Brenda and Wayne Mudryk, whose garland-and-light wrapped pil-

lars and tastefully arranged lights and display caught the judges' eyes.

A number of honorable mentions were also suggested: Nick Melnyk, Elizabeth Didow, Ron Lesyk, Armand Houle all drew praise from the judges for their efforts, as did last year's winners Karen and Mike Meyenburg and the home directly across from Buckingham House.

Peace on Earth



May the beauty of Christmas be an inspiration to you and those you love. Thanks for your faith in us.

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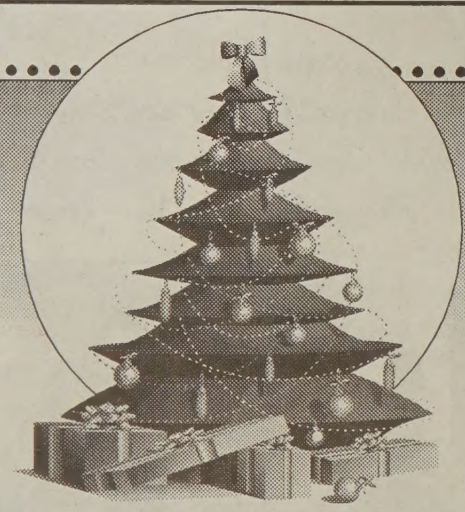
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Merry Christmas!

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■ Farming frontiers

Agricultural research gives farmers food for thought

Winter is a good time for farmers to consider the many options for next year's cropping plans. A good place to get information to assist in making changes during the next growing season is by looking at this year's research results.

"When looking at this past season's research results, it's important to remember that while they may not yet be 'packaged' for easy access, they have some good points to bear in mind," says Ron Hockridge, cereal and oilseed specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Wetaskiwin. "There is some difficulty in applying research to farm situations. Researchers try to hold all other factors constant in order to measure one particular variable.

"On the farm, many factors vary at once and these other variables can enhance or mask the effect of the other variables. Take crop response to various rates of fertilizers, for example. Fertilizer trials are conducted with good weed control and adequate plant populations.



This may not always be the cause in practical application."

In 1998, Agriculture Canada scientists at Lacombe completed the first year of testing interactions among variables. The preliminary results raise some interesting ideas. For example,

an economical response to fertilizers at higher than recommended rates can be realized but only if weeds are removed very early; delaying weed control to the four-leaf stage of the crop negates much of the benefit of extra fertilizer.

"Preliminary results do not refute previous recommendations made by crop specialists," adds Hockridge. "Many of the standard recommendations continue to be valid and still hold true. Practices that contribute to improved yield include early seeding, early weed removal, good plant population levels and a high level of plant nutrients in balance with each other.

"While tests haven't been done long enough to provide valid conclusions, they do stimulate a lot of thought about

Building a strong

St. Paul/Smoky Lake county region

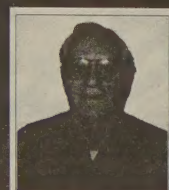
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~~district~~ NEWS

New Year's Resolutions!!

Some ideas to start the year right

By Juanita R. Daniels
Heinsburg Reporter

New Year's! We are right on the edge of 1999, and what better way to ring in the New Year than with a few resolutions. Of course, these are my own ideas, but I hope you have as much fun reading them as I did writing them.

First, let's make sure we all know what a New Year's Resolution is. A New Year's Resolution is an attempt to better ourselves and improve our lifestyles. Often these are attempts made in vain, so the first resolution is keep the New Year's Resolutions you have made and actually follow them. So now that we all know what resolutions are, let's get started with the ideas!

1. Resolve to exercise at least once a week (Walking to the fridge for a snack is not a workout!)

2. Volunteer, at the Senior's Lodges, the hospital, the church. It doesn't matter, it's the thought that counts.

3. Cut down on the hours

that you watch T.V. (your thumb is a valuable member of your hand, use it, but don't abuse it).

4. Work, play, eat, walk outdoors and take in the scenery even if it's raining or snowing. (We won't dissolve, because we are not sugar cubes).

5. Read a good book. (That speaks for itself).

6. Write, visit, phone your loved ones and relatives more often. (This means in-laws too).

7. Resolve to laugh at yourself more often. (If people are going to laugh at you, you might as well laugh with them).

8. Resolve to spend more time with your children if you are a parent.

9. Learn a new language! (That way people won't know when you're talking about them).

10. Get a friend to learn a new language with you. (Hey! you're going to need someone to talk to).

11. Make it a weekly project to perform a Random Act of

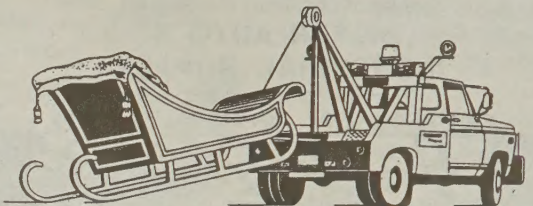
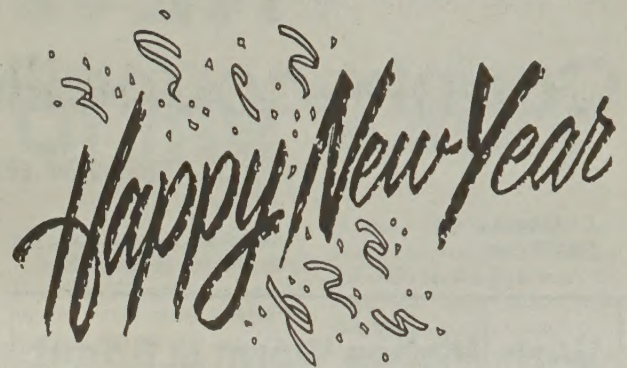
Kindness, and have fun while you do it.

12. Act silly at least once a week. As Daniel Johns once said, "You can only be young once, but you can be immature forever."

13. Tell people how much you love or appreciate them and what they do. (But make sure you actually know the person you say this to).

Well, I guess that's the last of my ideas for resolutions, and for those of you who are thinking I should not have stopped at thirteen, resolve to not think that it is an unlucky number. Come on, numbers have a hard enough time as it is.

So that's all until holidays end. To everyone out there, have a safe and happy New Year's and a great Christmas! Always remember, if you drink — don't drive. We all want to see our loved one get home safely, so be careful. Until next time, have a good one and have fun, and try to make at least one New Year's Resolution. Bye!



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New Year's Greetings to all
our cherished friends!



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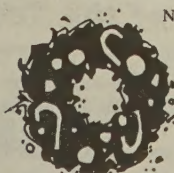
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We'd like to thank each of you personally,
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for a very Merry Christmas
and a ho...ho...ho!

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community NEWS

County councillor wages under scrutiny

Increase for expenses causes some criticism

By Rhonda Noyce
Staff Writer

When news hit the street last

week that the County of St. Paul was cutting back to pay off their leased graders, some ratepayers were happy; others were critical.

The St. Paul Journal fielded a number of ratepayers' calls and one in particular drew attention to the councillors' remuneration set during the organizational meeting at the end of October.

Upon viewing the minutes from this meeting, increases were found in the areas of remuneration for out of town meetings and the monthly mileage allowance for councillors.

Councillors are paid \$125 each for a full day of meetings, but they voted to increase this rate to \$150 when the distance travelled to the meeting is over 200 km.

In the monthly mileage allowance, which includes the cost of checking county roads and phone calls (long distance calls or cellular phones), the

rates were increased from \$250 per month to \$350 a month for Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6, and \$400 a month for Divisions 1, 2 and 7.

All of these decisions were made prior to any mention of budget cutbacks, as the organizational meetings always take place at the beginning of each term.

Reeve Robert Bouchard said the councillors found they were paying more than what they were being reimbursed for, and that these increases were in no way an increase to their regular wages as councillors.

"Based on the discussion from councillors who recently attended some conferences in the city, they found the cost of the hotels around the convention centres were very high," Bouchard said, referring to the \$25 increase for out-of-town meetings. "We also looked at what the school board was receiving and it was around the

same amount."

The councillors also found expenses have increased for travelling on County roads and keeping in touch with ratepayers. Bouchard added Divisions 1, 2 and 7 received a higher increase to their monthly mileage allowance because they have a larger land base and because long distance charges apply to calls between Divisions 1 and 2 and Division 7.

"This is not an increase in our per diems or salaries," Bouchard affirmed. "We are hoping to cut some meetings back and create smaller committees instead of having council sit as a whole. There is definitely an emphasis on saving."

Councillors are currently paid a base remuneration of \$1,000 per month. The deputy reeve and the reeve receive \$200 and \$400, respectively, on top of the base wage because of their extra responsibilities.

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New wheat board directors elected

Error in system causes recount of ballots

The Election Coordinator for the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) Director Elections released the results of the first

election of directors to the board on December 7; however a recount was called soon after.

On December 14, KPMG LLP,

the election coordinator for the CWB released the results of the recount.

Candidates declared elected by district are as follows:

District 1 — Arthur Macklin, Grande Prairie, Alta.

District 2 — James Chatenay, Red Deer, Alta.

District 3 — Larry Hill, Swift Current, Sask.

District 4 — Ken Ritter, Kindersley, Sask.

District 5 — John M. Clair, Radisson, Sask.

District 6 — Ian McCreary, Bladworth, Sask.

District 7 — Micheal Halyk, Melville, Sask.

District 8 — Terry Hanson, Fillmore, Sask.

District 9 — William Nicholson, Shoal Lake, Man.

District 10 — Wilfred Harder, Lowe Farm, Man.

Scrutineers and some candidates were present in Winnipeg to witness a recount following the identification of a logic flaw in the tabulation program used in the first count. The recount was announced by KPMG just hours after the flaw was detected on Dec. 7.

"Following an independent tabulation of the election results and an audit assurance opinion concerning compliance with regulatory procedures for counting and reporting of votes by Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP, a recount was held," said Craig Fossay of KPMG.

The election coordinator notes that the recount affected the outcome in district seven only. The declared elected candidates listed above will become members of the new Canadian Wheat Board.

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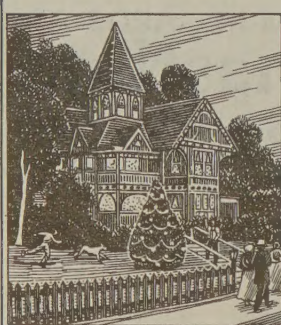


Welcome to the Merriest Season of the Year!

We wish you a Christmas filled with lots of love and fun with friends and family.

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what's NEWS at the LIBRARY?

Ready for Christmas at the library

By Karina Mitchell
Librarian

Can you believe it is already Christmas? I told you it would be here before we knew it. But I don't hear anyone complaining.

Here at the Library, we are ready for Christmas. Our annual Christmas party was a great time with crafts, goodies, new Christmas books, a few games, and even a bit of singing (thanks Sonia for the enthusiasm and great tunes!).

There were also prizes to be won as we drew for the Library Christmas Raffle. The lucky winners were Ron Fraess and Marlene Malachowski. Enjoy the goodies.

I wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas with special friends and family.

New Books at the Library ...

For Adults

In Garth Turner's 1999 RRSP Guide, you will learn how to use the vest tax-saving device in North America — the RRSP — to your advantage. In reading this book, you'll discover what opportunities currently exist and what proven strategies you should follow.

When a midwife performs an emergency cesarean section on a mother she believes has died of stroke, has she saved

the baby or inadvertently killed her? *Midwives* by Chris Bohjalian is an Oprah book.

Ever forget the words to that great Christmas song? The Reader's Digest Merry Christmas Songbook has them all with music and words. Includes a Lyric booklet for those extra singers.



Mary Anne and the Playground

For Young Adults:

With summer on the way, the Baby-sitters Club is rearing up for competition instead of summer fun when a new playground camp has only six positions, for the nine club members to fight for in

Ingalls Wilder told of her own childhood with Rose, the last of the Little House girls. It is a big year for Rose with many changes — maybe even love.

Like school pictures, life doesn't always turn out. But bad pictures are just the start of Amber Brown's problems. Who gets the pictures? *Forever Amber Brown* by Paula Danziger.

Picture Books:

Follow a little girl as she prepares for Christmas in *Counting to Christmas*. Written and richly illustrated by Nancy Tafuri.

LIBRARY CALENDAR:

Fridays, 10:30 am - Story Time, all are invited.

Wednesday, January 6, evening — Friends of the Library have a bingo in St. Paul. Workers can sign up at the Library.

The Library will be closed December 24-28 and January 1 for the holidays.

STORYTIME CHRISTMAS --
Friday's Storytime Christmas party featured special crafts and stories in honor of the occasion. The youngsters decorated their very own tree at an earlier Storytime.

In Memoriam

ELIUK, Vera

In loving memory of Vera Eliuk, who passed away on Dec. 27, 1994.

*To the world you may be forgotten
To others part of the past
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Your memory will always last.*

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In Memoriam

ANDRISHAK, Joanne

In loving memory of my dear wife and mother who passed away Dec. 22/91 after a courageous battle with cancer.

*Still how sweet the memories
But death has left a loneliness
The world can never fill
Often our thoughts do wander
To a grave not far away
Where we laid our dear one
Seven years ago today.*

Forever loved and sadly missed by Peter and Patricia.

In Memoriam

BERG, Doug & Doreen

In loving memory of Doug and Doreen Berg.

*Today recalls sad memories
of a dear father & mother gone to rest;
And the ones who think of them today
Are the ones who loved them best.*

Sadly missed by son Lorn, wife Angie and grandsons Dustin and Dylan and daughter Roxie, husband Leonard Bretzer and grandchildren Bradley, Bailey, Brandi and Brandon.

Obituary

MITCHELL, Robert George
In Elk Point, on Thursday, December 17, 1998.

Beloved husband of Edith Ritchie. Dear father of Thom (St. Catharines, Ontario), the late Betty (Listowel, Ontario), Marilyn (Winnipeg), Ida (Wingham, Ontario), Jim (Kelowna, B.C.), and Ethel and Dorothy (Edmonton). Brother "Robbie" to Margaret and Bennett and the late Dr. Howard, William, Beverley, and Donald. Loving "Grams" to eighteen grandchildren.

Funeral Service at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel in St. Paul, on Tuesday, December 22 at 2:00 pm. Reception following Service at Pioneer Circle, Elk Point. Friends and acquaintances are welcome. "Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory."

review COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

"Mother to Mother" Breastfeeding Support Group - meets 4th Monday of every month, 10 a.m. Call 724-3332 for more info. Expectant mothers and older siblings welcome.

Elk Point Parent Nursery - Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to Noon, Elk Point United Church Hall. Children under 6 and parents welcome. For more info, call Brenda Hayman, 724-3192 or Erin Mohyluk, 741-2140.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Old Courthouse, south door, Elk Point.

"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

Recycle Your Paper - Paper trailer is located at the west side of the curling rink, 5118-49 Ave.. We take newspapers, flyers, computer and bond paper. No cardboard boxes, milk or egg cartons, phone books or glossy magazines. Please sort and bundle with string or put in cardboard boxes.

Elk Point Public Library - Mon. - CLOSED; Tues. and Thurs. 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed. 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Storytime - Fri at 10:30 a.m. Photocopies. Extended library services and reliable information sources. Public meeting space available to non-profit organizations at no charge. Please call the Elk Point Library for booking at 724-3737.

The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527.

Elk Point Olletes regular meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month. For more information, call Fay at 724-2036.

Elk Point & Area "Stop Family Violence" Support Group - meetings are held 2 times a month. For more information call 724-2380, 724-3800 or 645-1950.

Adoption Support Krew - meets the 2nd Mon. of every month at Social Services Bldg., St. Paul from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.. For more info call 724-3031.

Many Albertans gamble as a form of recreation. For a small minority, however, gambling becomes a problem. If you or someone you know is experiencing personal, social or financial problems as a result of their gambling, confidential help is available. Call 1-800-665-9676.

CHURCH SERVICES

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Elk Point Baptist Church
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Pastor Jim MacLellan - 724-4194
Family Worship Service
Sundays - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages - 11:15 a.m.
Call Church answering service for current programs and times.

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Community Church
Rev. Sam Donaldson - 724-2493.
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Sunday School - 11:00 a.m.; Office hours
-Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 noon

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Sunday Mass 12 p.m.

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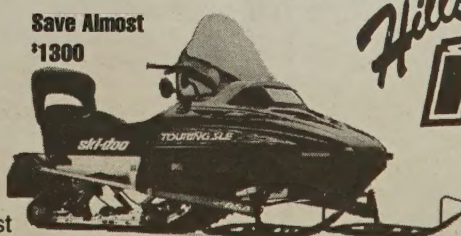
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community NEWS



Extravaganza feedback positive

Folk Point Chamber of Commerce has declared the 1998 Christmas Extravaganza a success. President John Yettaw said all the feedback he received has been positive, and thanked all who were involved. The Chamber's financial report indicated a small profit, but Yettaw said "if we had only broke even, it would still be a success." Businessman Glenn Harms

added that he felt the businesses had done well, and that the hay ride had been a booming success, with full loads virtually every trip.

The Chamber welcomed four representatives of Centra Gas, Craig McPherson from the St. Paul office and Peter Whalley, Lorne Heikkinen and Earle Tuele from the head office in Leduc, who were in town for Centra's open house. Heikkinen said Centra is "thrilled to have the opportunity to serve businesses and

residents in Elk Point. We have retained the local office and the staff, and hope to provide you with excellent service."

Plans for judging the residential Christmas lights were complete, the Chamber was told. A suggestion was made that perhaps next year the contest could be extended to the rural area, possibly by asking homeowners to officially enter the competition to facilitate judging.

Mayor Ed Buck was on hand to emphasize the importance of getting involved in a letter writing campaign to the Minister of Health, to MLA Paul Langevin and to the consultant currently studying the health care spending in the Lakeland Regional Health Authority area prior to making a recommendation to the regional board. This recommendation will be made January 5, and will be followed by a series of community forums and a special public meeting before a final recommendation is made on April 1.

Buck says a \$5.4 million cut in spending has been indicated, which "could affect us greatly." The mayor asked for Chamber representation at a meeting to be held tonight "to try to get our ducks in order." Buck said "the scary part is that they could take out all but the six major hospitals. I think the community should have input on the ways to cut costs." Buck is also trying to arrange a meeting with MLA Paul Langevin, because "I am sure it will be a political decision" in the end.

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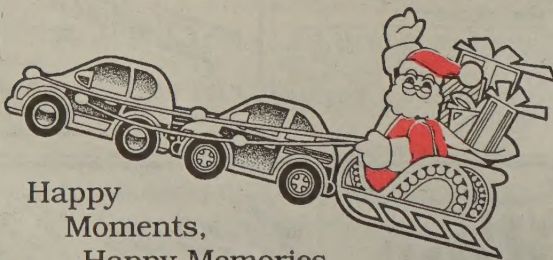
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